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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- in written format  
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 13	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 13	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations :**

The following document has been considered for the purpose of this opinion.

D1 : US 5,233,093 A

The present invention relates to a catalyst composition comprising bidentate ligand including bis-aryl phosphine compound, monodentate ligand such as triphenyl phosphine, etc., and a catalyst having transition metals such as Co, Rh etc., and a process of hydroformylating an olefin compound by using the same.

D1 is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art. It relates to a hydroformylation method of allyl alcohol by using a catalyst composition comprising bidentate ligand such as bisdiphenylphosphinobutane, etc., monodentate ligand such as triphenyl phosphine, etc., and a catalyst having transition metals such as Rh, Ru etc.

**I. Novelty and Inventive Step**

D1 does not disclose the present hydroformylation method of olefin by using a catalyst composition containing bidentate ligand of formula 1 in claim 1 having bis-aryl phosphine compound and monodentate ligand such as triphenyl phosphine, etc. In addition, the catalyst composition including said phosphine compounds is not considered to be easily invented from the invention disclosed in D1 by a person skilled in the art.

**II. Industrial Applicability**

There is no reason for forming a negative opinion about the industrial applicability of this invention. Consequently, claims 1 to 13 appear to meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).

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**Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. The description is unclear, since the monodentate ligand is described as TPP or TPPI in the detailed description, but the monodentate ligand, L2 in table 1 of the example is described as TPPO.
2. The expression in claim 9, "N/I" is obscure, since it is not defined.